

Title of Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

Acronym: NLSY79

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Summary of major aims:

The NLSY79 is a nationally representative sample of 12,686 young men and women who were 14-22 years old when they were first surveyed in 1979. These individuals were interviewed annually through 1994 and are currently interviewed on a biennial basis. Although a primary focus of the NLSY79 survey is labor force behavior, the survey contains an expansive set of questions ranging from child-care costs to welfare receipt including: educational attainment, training investments, income and assets, health conditions, workplace injuries, insurance coverage, alcohol and substance abuse, sexual activity, and marital and fertility histories.

Study location: United States of America

Start Date: December 31, 1978

Sample:

All youths born between Jan. 1, 1957 to Dec. 31, 1964 and living in the USA on January 1, 1979. Oversamples of Hispanic, black, and economically disadvantaged non-Hispanic, non-blacks. Includes on-going survey of the children to all women in the NLSY79 sample.

Age range at first data collection:

14 to 21

Sex ratio at first data collection:

1:1

Types of variables collected:

Alcohol, cigarette, and drug use; aptitude & intelligence scores; crime, delinquency & arrest records; discrimination; income & assets; attitudes; child care; education & school enrollment; family background; household composition; fertility; sexual activity and contraception; fringe benefits; gender; race; ethnicity; health; geographic residence; job characteristics & satisfaction; labor force status; marital status, transactions & attitudes; occupations; training; wages; and work experience.

Sample size of cohort (i) at baseline: 12,686 (ii) now: (2000) 8,033

Deomographic: yes

Social: yes

Physhological yes

Self-reported health yes

Health measures yes
Other data collected yes

Access to data:

Download free at: http://www.nlsinfo.org/ordering/display_db.php3

Order data CD (cost is U.S. \$20) http://www.nlsinfo.org/ordering/display_db.php3

In addition, we would appreciate it if you completed the chart below:

Country:	USA	y	Physiological Measures	y	Psychological Measures
Sample Size:		y	Functional Health	y	Cognitive Abilities
Age Group:	14-21 in 1979	n	Lifestyle: Physical Activity	y	Social and Demographic Measures
Gender:	Both	n	Lifestyle: Nutrition	n	Health Services Utilization
# Cohorts:	1	y	Lifestyle: Other		
Total	21	y	Minorities		
Waves:					

FYI: Fill in First Column/ checkmark next two columns. Gender should be M/F/Both